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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
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Warwick, RI 02888

VIA EMAIL (PUC.PublicComments@puc.ri.gov)

RE: Comments on OSW Docket 22-22-EL

Dear Commissioners:

Ørsted respectfully submits the following comments in response to the Notice to Solicit Comment and Public Hearing dated September 10, 2022, regarding Rhode Island Energy's request for proposals ("RFP") to solicit at least 600 megawatts and no greater than 1,000 megawatts of newly developed offshore wind capacity.

A global clean energy leader, Ørsted develops, constructs, and operates offshore and land-based wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, and bioenergy plants. In the United States, Ørsted holds the top position in offshore wind energy with approximately 5 gigawatts in development and operates America's first offshore wind farm, located off the coast of Block Island.

Rhode Island launched the American offshore wind industry and this solicitation will continue the state's tradition in leading the renewable energy transition while building the local supply chain, creating family-sustaining jobs, and supporting a sustainable future. Ørsted supports the draft RFP as structured and believes the RFP should be released as is.

We wish to thank the State of Rhode Island for continuing to lead the way toward a clean energy future and look forward to participating in Rhode Island's solicitation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Respectfully submitted,



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